THE GAMER

STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
ILLUST BY SANG-A

I CAME BECAUSE YOU ASKED FOR MY HELP.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO RESCUE YUJIN KIM.
REALLY...?

THE DAN UI GUILD IS CERTAINLY NOT THE KIND OF GUYS TO GO EASY ON OPPONENTS.
SSK
LOOK.

IT'S ONE OF THE DESTROYERS FROM THE DAN UI GUILD.
THE EYE OF HWANUNG.

THE EYE OF HWANUNG?

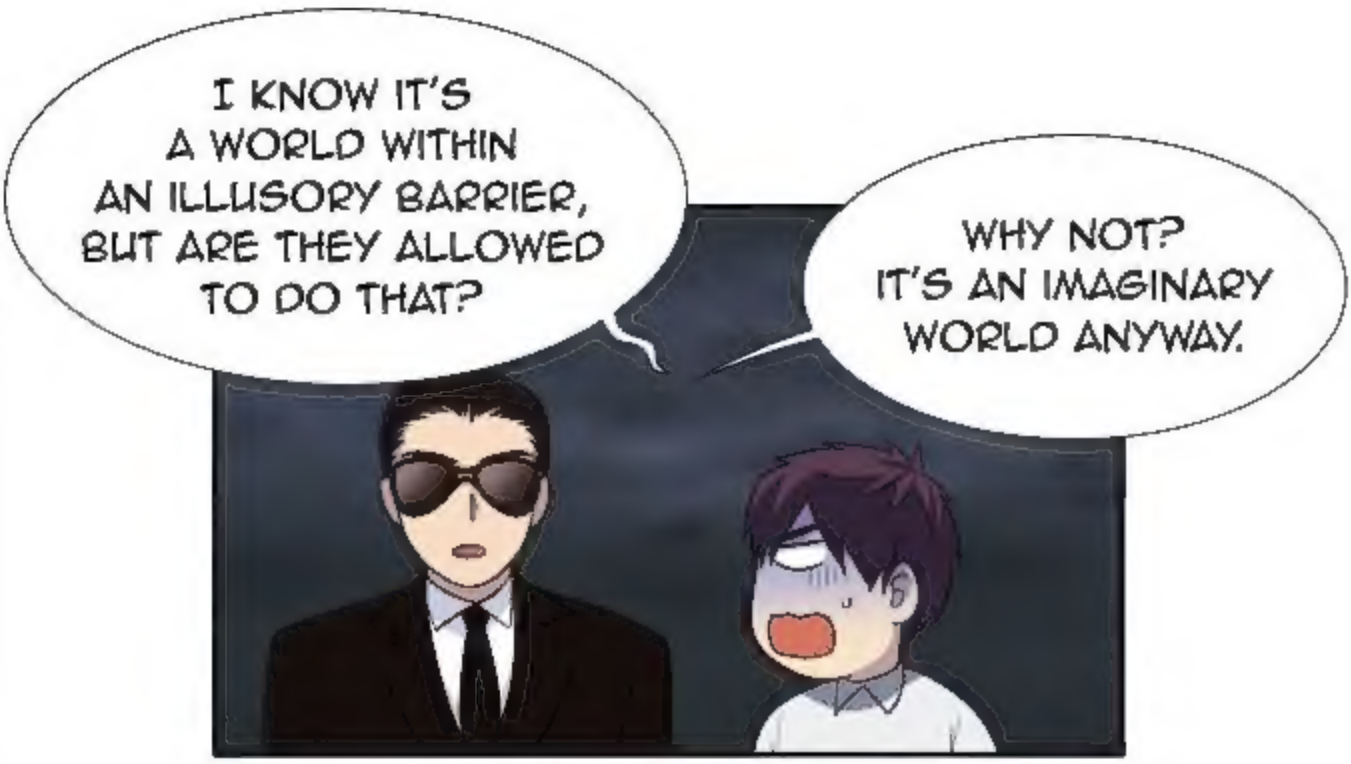
FLASH
HUH?

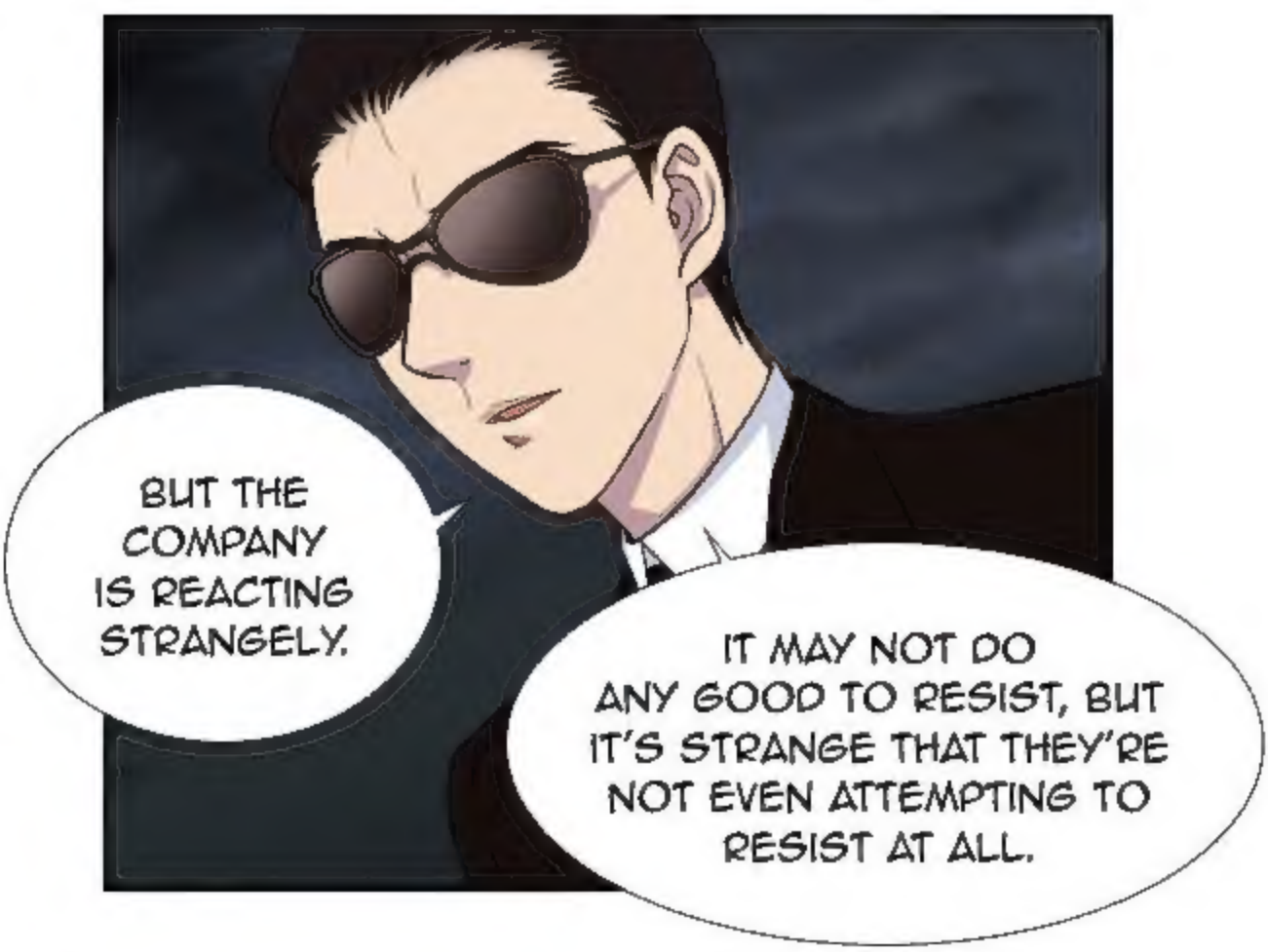
WHISH

FLASH

TSSSS

IT MELTED...


I KNOW IT'S A WORLD WITHIN AN ILLUSORY BARRIER, BUT ARE THEY ALLOWED TO DO THAT?
WHY NOT? IT'S AN IMAGINARY WORLD ANYWAY.


BUT THE COMPANY IS REACTING STRANGELY.
IT MAY NOT DO ANY GOOD TO RESIST, BUT IT'S STRANGE THAT THEY'RE NOT EVEN ATTEMPTING TO RESIST AT ALL.

COME TO THINK OF IT, EVERYTHING THAT WE'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW BELONGS TO THE DAN HI GUILD.

EACH OF THEM IS A B-RANK SOLDIER, SO I WONDER WHAT THEIR LEVEL IS.
IT'S TOO FAR AWAY TO TELL.
IT REALLY IS STRANGE. THEY'RE NOT EVEN REACTING EVEN THOUGH WE'RE ATTACKING THEM LIKE THIS.

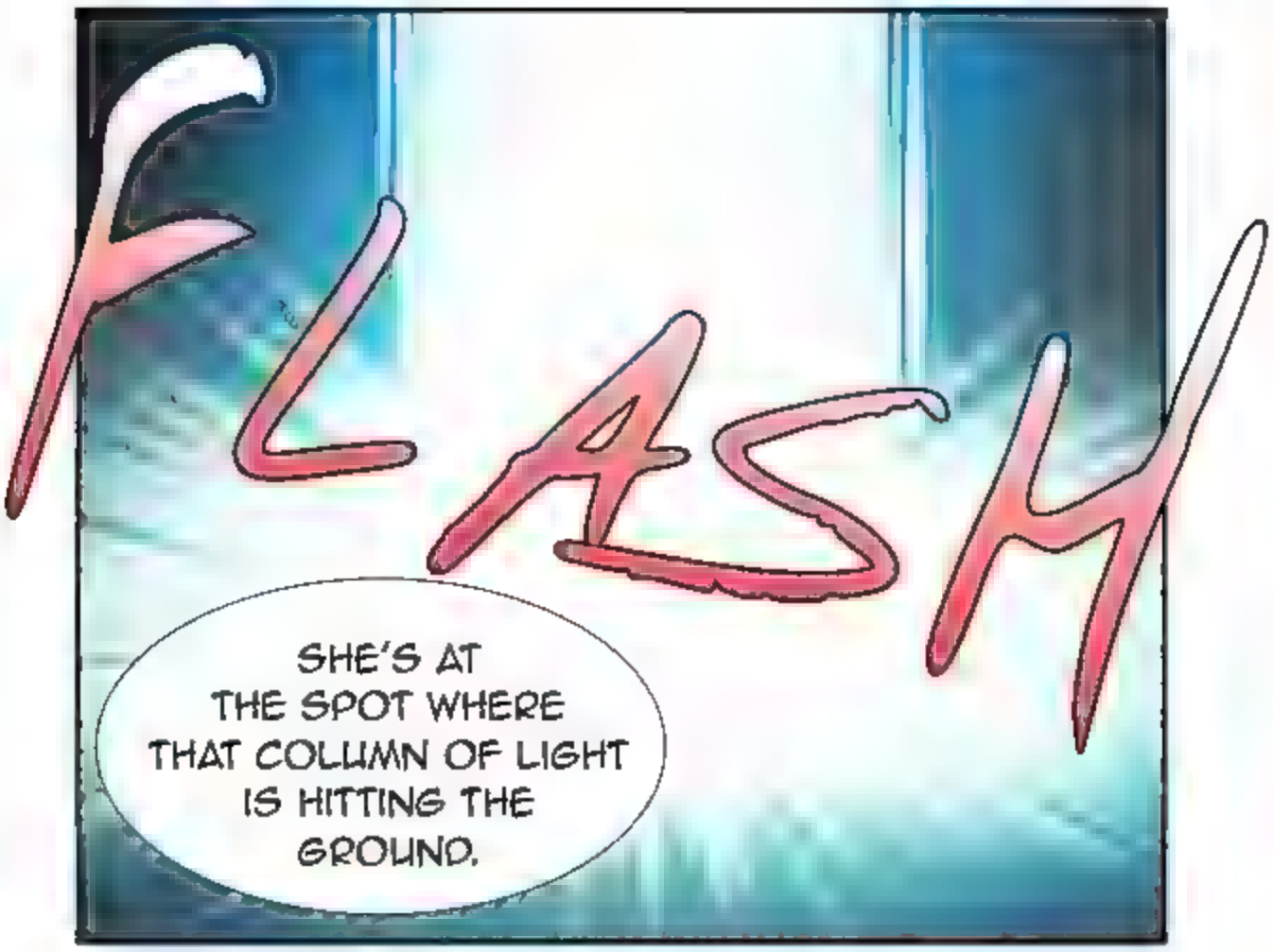
IS THE COMPANY NOT HERE...?
SHAKE
NO. I DON'T THINK THAT'S IT.
EVEN IF THEY HEARD YOU ARE HERE, THERE'S NO WAY THEY WOULDN'T PERFORM EVEN A BASIC INVESTIGATION.

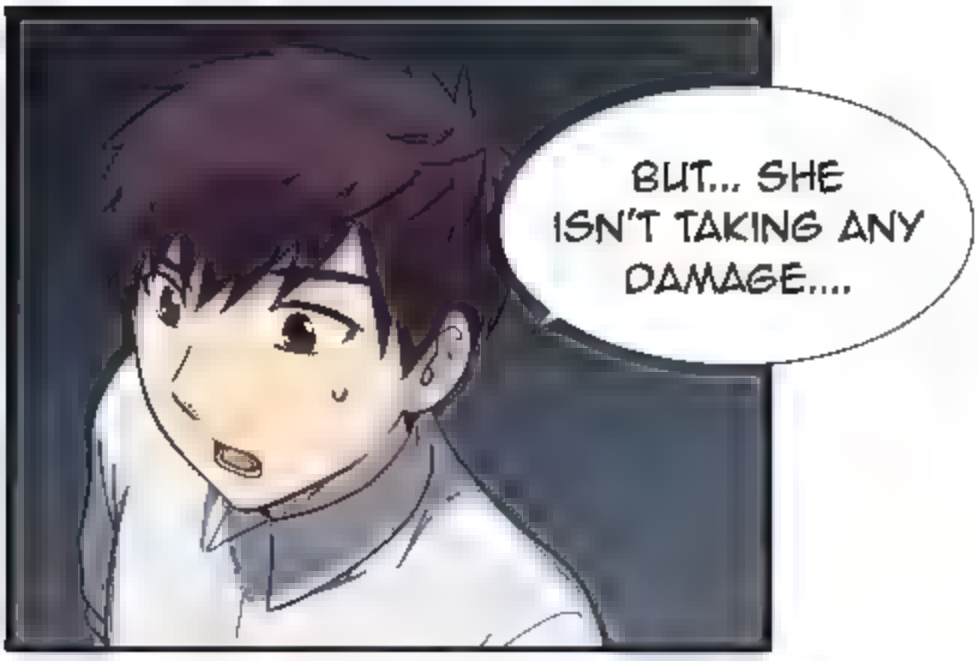
THAT BLACK DEMON IS RIGHT. THERE'S NO WAY THE DAN UI GUILD WOULD ACT SO UNPROFESSIONALLY.

THAT'S TRUE. THEN PREZ....

MINIMAP.
SSK

IS PREZ STILL THERE?
YEAH, STILL..


FLASH
SHE'S AT THE SPOT WHERE THAT COLUMN OF LIGHT IS HITTING THE GROUND.


BUT... SHE ISN'T TAKING ANY DAMAGE....

DID THEY SET UP A SPECIAL BARRIER WITHIN THE ILLUSORY BARRIER?
BUT THERE'S NO WAY THE DAN UI GUILD WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. STRANGE....

THIS IS DEFINITELY STRANGE.
HOW IS THE COMPANY WITHSTANDING AN ATTACK LIKE THAT?

WAIT. CAN YOU MAKE SOMETHING LIKE ANOTHER DIMENSION WITHIN AN ILLUSORY BARRIER?

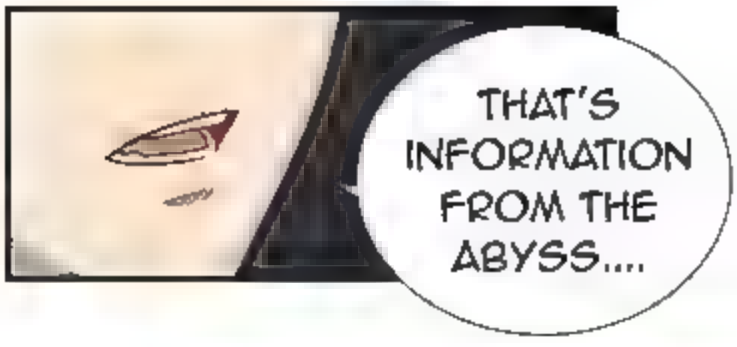
NO,
THAT WOULD BE
IMPOSSIBLE.
WHY?

STRICTLY
SPEAKING, WE'RE
NOT THE ONES WHO
MAKE ILLUSORY
BARRIERS.
IT'S
GAIA WHO
MAKES THEM
FOR US.

ONLY GRAND SORCERERS CAN USE SPELLS TO CREATE A DIMENSION AND SPACE.
AND THERE ARE LESS THAN 20 OF THAT KIND OF GRAND SORCERERS ON THE PLANET.
THEY CAN CREATE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS, AND APPARENTLY THEY ACTUALLY DO....

SO THE COMPANY CAN'T DO THAT?

I'VE HEARD THAT 18 OF THE GRAND SORCERERS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE NINTH GATE.
THE OTHER TWO ARE MESSING AROUND AS FREELANCERS...
ALTHOUGH THERE MAY ALSO BE GRAND SORCERERS THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT.


THAT'S INFORMATION FROM THE ABYSS....

BUT WHAT IF WE ASSUME THAT A GRAND SORCERER APPEARED AT THE COMPANY THIS TIME?

THEN AN ATTACK LIKE THAT DEFINITELY WOULDN'T WORK OUT.
SINCE THEY CAN HIDE IN THEIR OWN DIMENSION.

YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ATTACK AND DESTROY THE DIMENSION ITSELF.

BUT DO YOU THINK THAT THERE WOULD BE GUYS LIKE THE GRAND SORCERERS AT THE COMPANY?
YEAH.
WHY?

I FIGURE THAT THEY WOULD AT LEAST NEED THEM TO CREATE THE GRAND LABYRINTH.

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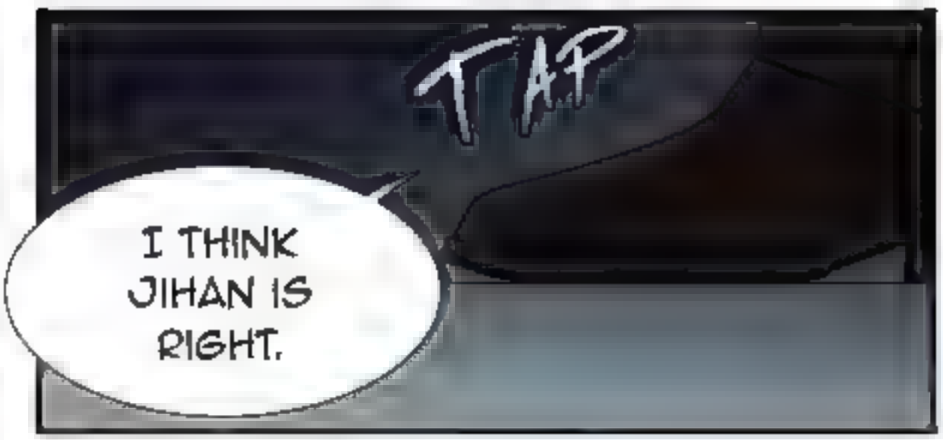
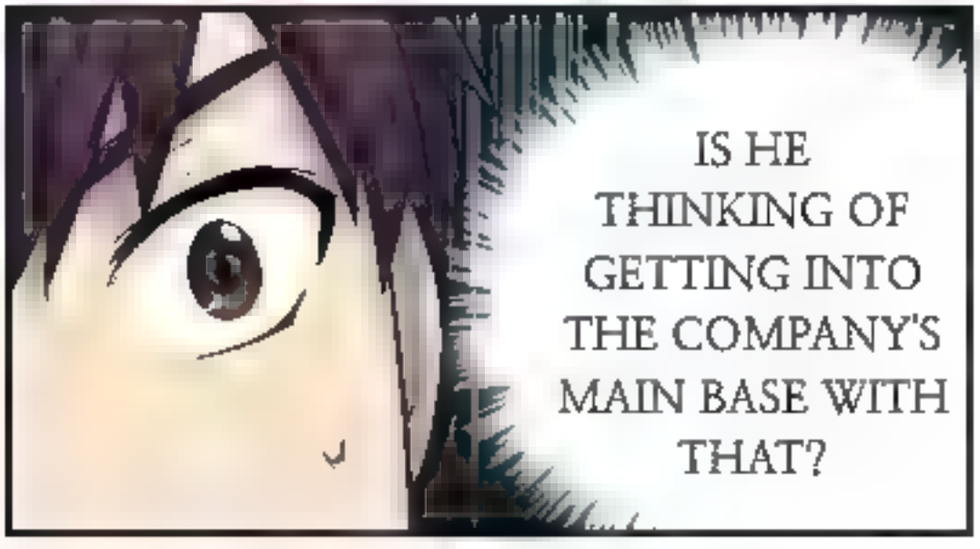

TAP
I THINK JIHAN IS RIGHT.

LOOK.
KRRRR

KRRR
FLASH

THAT'S A DIMENSION SMASHER.


IS HE THINKING OF GETTING INTO THE COMPANY'S MAIN BASE WITH THAT?

CHHHH

FLASH

DING

OMINOUS PRESENCE DETECTED.

WATCH OUT.

WHISH

FLASH

FLASH

FLASH

SHHH
POW

KSSHHH

IS THIS...
WHISH
MR.HWAN IS GONE!

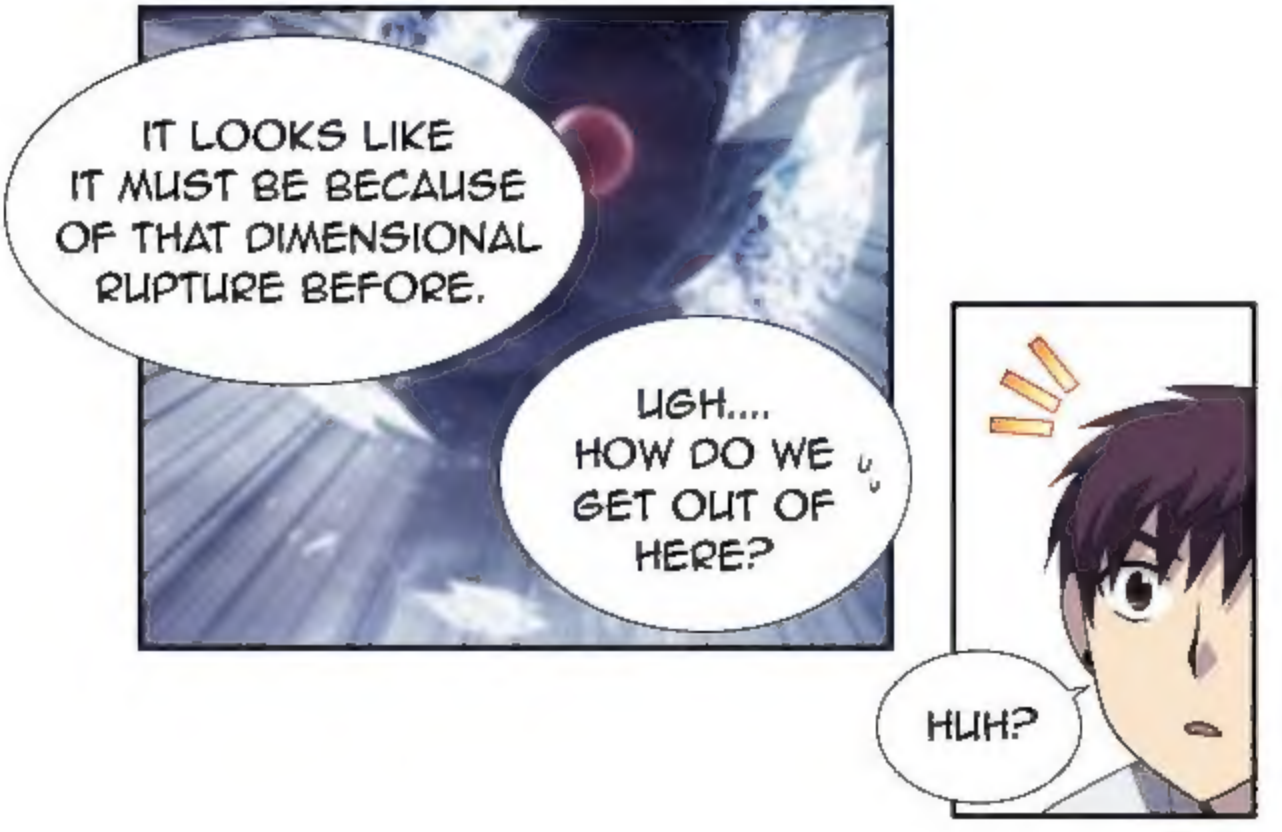
IS IT BECAUSE HE'S NOT IN OUR PARTY?
I SHOULD HAVE ADDED HIM IN ADVANCE....

SSK

IT FEELS ROUGH. IT LOOKS AS SMOOTH AS MARBLE BUT IT HAS A ROUGH TEXTURE.
WILL THIS BREAK?

SLAM

IT MUST BE IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK. IT DOESN'T WORK.
KSSSS


IT LOOKS LIKE IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF THAT DIMENSIONAL RUPTURE BEFORE.
UGH.... HOW DO WE GET OUT OF HERE?
HUH?

IT LOOKS LIKE THE COMPANY MADE THE MOVE FIRST.
SSK
WHAT?

SSSK
THE GAME WILL NOW BEGIN.

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